

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

a. Photography from reconnaissance missions flown Saturday and yesterday indicates that abandonment of IRBM and MRBM sites is proceeding.

b. It also shows that four missile transporters, presumably with missiles, have arrived at the port of Mariel and are standing on the docks close to where three Soviet cargo ships are tied up.

c. Seventeen missile erectors, eleven of them with stands, were also observed at Mariel in the vicinity of another Soviet ship docked at the eastern end of the harbor.

d. Additional data from missions flown yesterday is still being analyzed.

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2. Cuba-Bloc

a. TASS yesterday issued a statement on Mikoyan's meetings with Cuban leaders, but shed no light on how the talks are going or how much longer Mikoyan will be in Cuba.

b. Moscow radio, however, is hewing to the line that it would be folly for anyone to think that there is any rift between the USSR and Cuba.

c. The overall tenor of Soviet propaganda conveys the impression that Moscow intends to be sticky on the questions of verification and supervision of the dismantling of its missile complex in Cuba.

d. A related theme being played is the old one about respecting Cuban sovereignty, and the impropriety of interfering in Havana's internal affairs.

e. The Chinese Communists, outspoken as ever, have heaped fresh scorn on Moscow's "appeasement policy." The latest out of Peiping urges all good Communists to turn their backs on the "Munich scheme against the Cuban people", and tells them that support for Castro's five demands is their "obligatory duty."

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3. Cuba

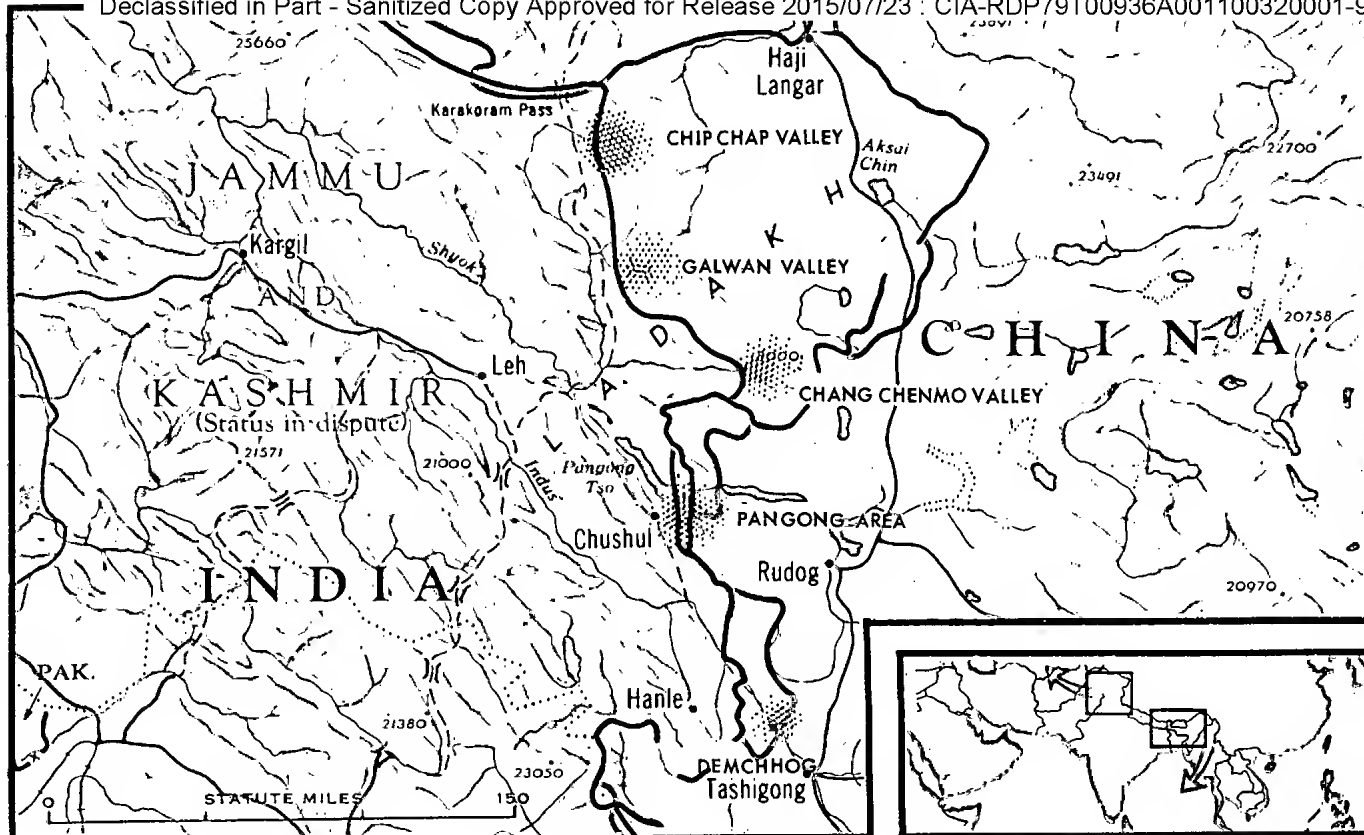
a. The Cuban press is crowing with delight over the sabotage in Venezuela. Credit, Havana says, belongs to the "Army of Liberation guerrilla forces."

b. Garcia Inchaustegui, Castro's man at the UN until he was booted out of the job last week, may not be going home to face the music.

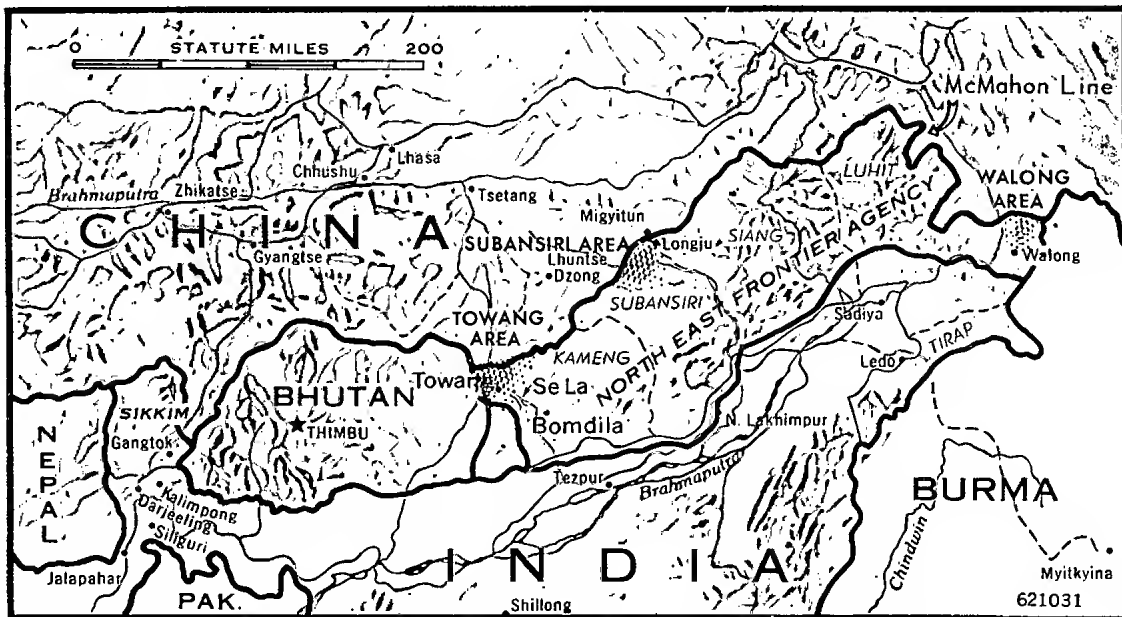
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4. Cuba -
Latin
America

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Mexico will vote for the Argentine resolution to set up an OAS command of those forces contributed to enforce the organization's moves against Cuba. Such a vote would seem to foreshadow a break in Mexico's relations with Havana.

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5. Bloc
shipping

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6. India-China

a. The Indians [REDACTED] have detected a concentration of Chinese forces in the area directly north of Sikkim between Nepal and Bhutan.

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[REDACTED] the Chinese are getting into a position from which they can move to pinch off northeast India.

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7. USSR

a. The Soviets yesterday morning launched a space vehicle which appears to be another Mars probe. The vehicle is in orbit, but we have no evidence as yet that it has been successfully ejected into its trajectory.

b. If a Mars shot, it will have been the third in less than two weeks; the second since Thursday.

c. Two attempts so close to each other could mean either that Thursday's was not as good as Moscow said it was, or that the Soviets are trying to get more data through multiple launchings while the time is right. There will not be another favorable time for Mars probes until the end of 1964.

d. The Soviets yesterday also conducted another atmospheric nuclear test [redacted] over Semi-palatinsk.

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8. Yemen -
Jordan -
Saudi Arabia

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NOTES

A. Belgium Parliament passed the government's bill redrawing the country's linguistic frontiers, but, with disgruntled Walloonist ministers walking out, survival of the cabinet is dubious.

B. Indonesia-Netherlands Subandrio responded favorably last week to an offer by U Thant to act as go-between in arranging a resumption of diplomatic relations between Djakarta and The Hague.

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C. Vietnam The Viet Cong last week mounted its first battalion-size attack since mid-July. With the onset of the dry season, a step-up in the size and numbers of guerrilla attacks seems inevitable.